

## Justice forum draws 200 Mid-Columbia students

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The mission is to promote racial and ethnic diversity in the justice system work force by promoting students to those career opportunities, as well as helping youth think about and better understand their legal rights and obligations as members of their communities.

The event is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Columbia Basin College's Gjerde Center.

This year, the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission will follow the youth event with a community forum 5:30-8:30 p.m. on campus. The first half hour will be a meet-and-greet reception.

Citizens are invited to join the discussion on issues facing today's youth and ways to help them succeed, while also creating a community plan for the next steps.

Speakers will include Chris Ramirez, advisor to Gov. Jay Inslee, and Lisa Linhart-Dow, a staff attorney with TeamChild in Yakima.

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